

Application no. 10/020,712
Amendment dated: January 17, 2007

REMARKS

Upon entry of this preliminary amendment, claims 66, 68-79 and 81-86 are pending in the application. By this paper, claims 66, 68, 69 and 79 are amended and claims 67 and 80 are cancelled. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

During a telephone conversation with Applicant's attorney John G. Rauch on January 9, 2007, the Examiner explained that claims 85-86 are clearly allowable and that claim 66 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of claim 67 and claim 79 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of claim 80.

Accordingly, in order to expedite allowance of the application, the amendments proposed by the examiner have been made herein. Entry of this amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

With this response, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Should the examiner deem a telephone conference to be of assistance in advancing the application to allowance, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,



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